

## Memorandum

Mr. Tolson

DATE November 27, 1963

C. D. DeLoach

ROBERT E. BERLIN

PRESIDENT

THE HEARST CORPORATION

TELEPHONE CALL 11/27/63

*Assurance of President John F. Kennedy*

Pursuant to the Director's instructions, I called Mr. Berlin at 11:30 AM this morning and told him that the Director was out of the office, had been tied up a considerable part of the time with the White House, the Attorney General and others involving the case regarding the Assassination of the President. I told Mr. Berlin I felt sure the Director would want him to know this and that while the Director could not call him back now, undoubtedly he would want to talk to him later when things subside a bit.

Mr. Berlin indicated in confidence that he merely desired to advise the Director of several previous conversations he had had with President Johnson. He stated that the President was an old friend and that during all the conversations in the past, the President had specifically mentioned the Director in a very favorable manner. Mr. Berlin desires to advise the Director of these remarks when the Director has time to talk to him.

We discussed the case involving the assassination of the President briefly. Mr. Berlin asked a number of questions and they were answered. He was particularly shocked at the handling of the matter by the local authorities in Dallas. He is of the opinion that the FBI is getting a favorable press, however, thinks a report should be issued as expeditiously as possible in order to quell the many rumors.

Mr. Berlin reiterated there was no hurry in the Director answering his call. He stated he merely desired to have a little chat whenever the Director has time. He will be spending the Thanksgiving holidays at his country home. He can be reached through area code #914, telephone number WEStmore 9-1914. He will not go to the country until late this afternoon.

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The Director may desire to give Mr. Berlin a call during the week end or the first part of next week if he has the opportunity.

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